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Advisory Announcement

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DISTRICT 15 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

Haines... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the District 15 drift gillnet fishery will be extended 48 hours north of Katzehin River flats light, 24 hours south of Seduction Point, and 24 hours in Section 15-C as follows:

Section 15-A: waters north of the latitude of Katzehin River flats light at 59°11.73′ N lat will be extended for 48 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Friday, August 21, 2020, with the following restriction:

<u>Lutak Inlet</u>: will be closed north of a line from White Rock at 59°18.05′ N lat, 135°31.33′ W long to a point at 59°18.73′ N lat, 135°30.16′ W long.

Section 15-A: waters south of the latitude of Seduction Point at 59°04.93′ N lat will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 20, 2020.

Section 15-C: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 20, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Lynn Canal: will be closed north of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73′ N lat;

St. James Bay: will be closed north of line from a regulatory marker at 58°33.44′ N lat, 135°09.44′ W long, to Point Whidbey at 58°34.40′ N lat, 135°08.36′ W long.

This announcement was made on the VHF radio on channel 68 at approximately 8:20 a.m., Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4920.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

Advisory announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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